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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI

FROM: DCI

Bob:

This relates to the work I asked you to do the other day on an intelligence strategy which could be used in responding to this letter.

William J. Casey

Attachment:

Ltr to DCI, dtd 10 May 85,
from Senator Dave Durenberger

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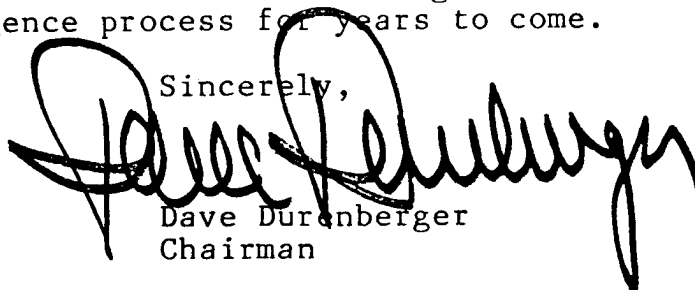
The Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

A principal goal of the Intelligence Committee this year is the establishment of guidelines for a comprehensive national intelligence strategy -- a standard for measuring the state of American intelligence, if you will. As you know only too well, accurate, timely and relevant information is critical in making the difficult choices in national security and in building a cohesive, effective foreign policy. But the current budget pressures can adversely affect the intelligence process, especially if we operate with an incomplete understanding of the relationships among requirements, capabilities, costs and performance. Only with a long-range strategy supported by Congressional oversight can we jointly resist these pressures.

Developing an intelligence strategy will not be easy. Experience with defense decisionmaking shows that the process can be expected to evolve over several years. In the process, we will be working closely with you, as well as other key decisionmakers in government and non-governmental experts, to insure our effort will be of signal benefit to the national intelligence process for years to come.

Sincerely,



Dave Durenberger
Chairman

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